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State Police Narcotics Execute a Search Warrant in New Orleans

On Thursday, March 13th, 2008 at 8:00 AM, troopers and agents from the South District Narcotics – HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) unit executed a search warrant at 4658 Cerise Drive, New Orleans, LA. This warrant stemmed from an investigation involving the distribution of crack and powdered cocaine throughout the New Orleans metropolitan area. Troopers and agents recovered and seized (6) handguns, 94.4 grams of crack cocaine, 64.6 grams of powdered cocaine, 14 grams of marijuana, scales and other miscellaneous paraphernalia associated with the sale and packaging of illicit narcotics.

Troopers and agents arrested Garland Allen (B/M, 30 yrs) of New Orleans, LA.

Due to Mr. Allens's prior criminal history, including several convictions for drug related arrests, the charges were referred to DEA and ATF investigators for federal prosecution.

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